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Improvements in or relating to Food Packs

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The present invention relates to the packing of edible material and has for an object to provide an improved method of packing portions of edible material.

According to the invention a method of packing portions of edible material comprises embedding the said portions in spaced apart relation in a gelatinous substance and providing each portion with a handling means accessible exteriorly of the said gelatinous substance.

In this manner the portions are securely held in the gelatinous substance in the form of a pack which can readily be transported and stored until required for use, the gelatinous substance also serving to preserve the freshness of the edible portions. When it is required to dispense the portions, the gelatinous substance is cut around each portion, and the portion, together with the gelatinous substance adhering thereto, removed from the pack by the aforementioned handling means.

In one application of the invention, the said edible portions comprise rolled portions of pickled herring and in carrying the invention into effect, the herrings are opened, boned and pickled in known manner. Each herring is then cut transversely into a number of strips which are rolled and each rolled strip is secured to prevent its becoming unrolled by means of a stick or like elongated member which is pierced through the roll substantially diametrically thereof and extends a substantial distance outwardly from one side of the roll to provide a handling means therefor. The rolls are then placed in a container in spaced apart relation with the outwardly extending

ends of the sticks directed upwardly and are covered with jelly in liquid form so as to leave the sticks protruding from the surface of the jelly. The jelly is allowed to set and the rolls are thus firmly embedded in the jelly and the container can be transported, stored or otherwise handled without displacing or damaging the rolled portions of herring.

When it is desired to dispense the portions of herring, the jelly is cut around each portion, which can then be lifted from the container by means of the stick.

Conveniently the stick is formed with an enlarged end which engages the under side of the roll to support the roll on the stick when the roll is lifted from the container by means of the stick.

The invention will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a pack of rolled portions of pickled herring prepared according to the method of the present invention.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the pack shown in Figure 1, and,

Figure 3 is a perspective view drawn to an enlarged scale of a detail of the pack shown in Figures 1 and 2.

A plurality of rolled portions 3 of pickled herring are disposed in spaced apart relation in the container and each rolled portion is secured in its rolled condition by a stick or like elongated member 4 which extends diametrically through the roll in a substantially vertical upward direction to substantially the level of the open top of the container 1. The tapered shank 5 enables the stick readily to pierce the rolled portion of herring and the stick is driven through the roll until the head 6 engages the surface thereof. The roll is positioned in the container with the head 6 of the stick resting on the bottom of the container as shown in Figure 1, the upwardly protruding end of the shank 5 serving as a handle and the roll being firmly supported on the stick by the enlarged head 6.

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The rolls 3 after positioning in the container 1 are covered with jelly in liquid form which is poured into the container and allowed to set so that each roll is firmly embedded in the jelly, the sticks 4 extending upwardly from the upper surface of the jelly indicated at 7 (Figure 1).

When it is required to dispense the rolled portions 3, the jelly is cut as indicated by dotted lines 8 and each rolled portion, together with the jelly adhering thereto, can be lifted from the container by means of its stick 4.

The sticks 4 are conveniently formed of red coloured plastic to enhance the appearance of the pack.

What we claim is:—

1. A method of packing portions of edible material which consists in embedding the said portions in spaced apart relation in a gelatinous substance, and providing each portion with a handling means accessible exteriorly of the said gelatinous substance.

2. A method according to claim 1 wherein the said handling means comprises a stick or like elongated member which traverses the portion of edible material and extends outwardly from the surface of the gelatinous substance.

3. A method according to claim 2 wherein the said stick or like elongated member is provided with means for supporting the portion of edible material thereon.

4. A method of packing rolled portions of fish which comprises opening and boning the fish, cutting the fish into strips, rolling each strip to form a rolled portion, piercing each rolled portion with a stick or like elongated member so that one end of the stick or like elongated member extends a substantial distance outwardly from the rolled portion, assembling the rolled portions in spaced apart relation in a container so that the said one end of each stick or like elongated member extends substantially vertically upwardly, covering the rolled portions thus assembled with jelly in liquid form and allowing the jelly to set.

5. The method of packing rolled portions of herring substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

6. A pack for portions of edible material whenever prepared according to the method claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 and 5.

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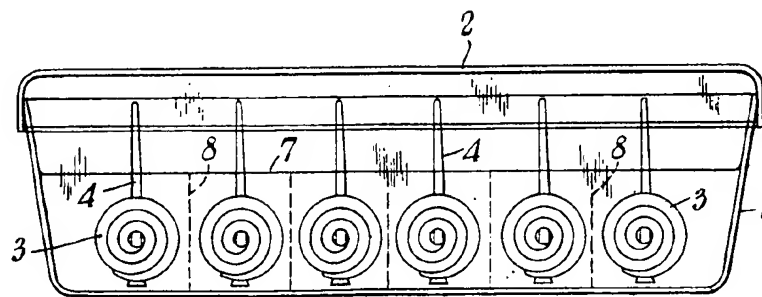


FIG. 1

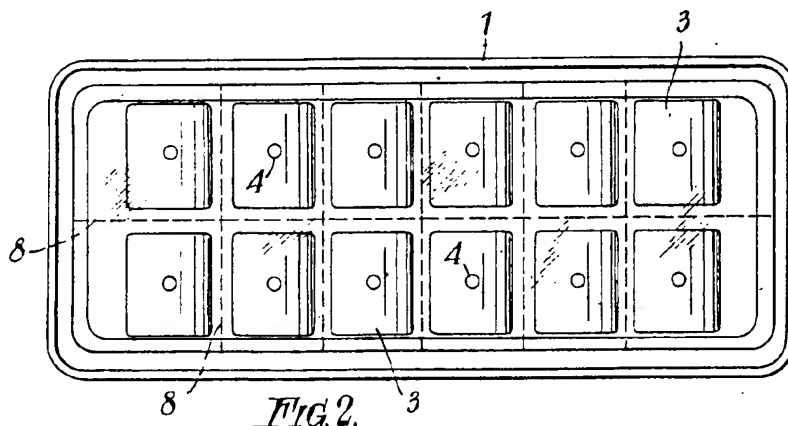


FIG. 2.

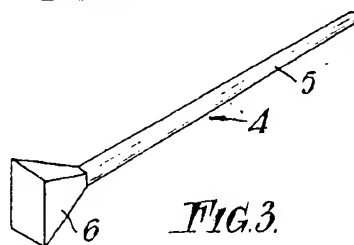


FIG. 3.